

STATE'S RIGHTS GETS NEW BLOW

STATE RAILROAD COMMISSION IS OVERRULED ON RATES—ALABAMA THE VICTIM.

AND PENSACOLA THE WINNER

Suggestion Made that Congress Enact A Law Giving Commission Power to Regular State Traffic—Conflict of Authority.

Washington, May 25.—Regulation of railroad freight rates ordinarily is a complicated question, involving in interstate matters of law, but it becomes even a more serious problem when two regulating authorities clash on a proposition of the reasonableness of rates. Thoughtful observers of freight rate regulation have anticipated that, sooner or later, a conflict of authority would arise between the interstate commission and one or more of the state railroad commissions concerning the fixing of rates.

Precisely such a conflict has developed over a comparatively insignificant case that recently was brought before the interstate commerce commission. It was that of E. E. Saunders & Co., of Pensacola, Fla., against the Southern Express company. The complainants are fish dealers and shippers at Pensacola. In the ordinary course of their business they operate largely in the state of Alabama, shipping fish in quantities from Pensacola to points of destination in that state by express.

Recently the railroad commission of Alabama fixed an express rate on fish from Mobile, Ala., to other intrastate points that was far below the express rate from Pensacola to the same points of destination. This rate the express company was forced to put in effect, although it protested against it.

Mobile fish shippers, by reason of this rate, were given an advantage over the fish shippers of Pensacola to points within Alabama, although in many instances the distance from Pensacola to points of destination was less than from Mobile.

The Southern Express company refused to make the same rates from Pensacola to points in Alabama as it was required to make from Mobile. Its refusal resulting in a complaint filed against it with the interstate commerce commission.

The commission's opinion in the case was handed down today. It was prepared by Commissioner Harlan and is the unanimous judgment of the commission. It indicates clearly the lines of conflict between the national commission and the various state commissions, in the regulation of freight and express rates; and, in that sense, is one of the most important decisions rendered by the commission for many months. While the case directly involved may be considered inconsequential, comparatively, the principle enunciated by the commission is of countrywide application as it opens at once the question whether the national or the state regulating authority is to be paramount in the fixing of freight rates.

The commission states its position in these terms:

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SENATOR ALDRICH STACKED CARDS

HELP FROM SENATE DEMOCRATS IN THE RAILROAD BILL FIGHT.

A HARD RAP FROM BORAH

An Amendment by Martin of Virginia Used to Catch Votes Against the Cummins Proposition—A New Game on the Insurgents.

Washington, May 25.—The republican organization, under the leadership of Aldrich and Elkins, worked a new turn on the insurgents today when an amendment was made of an amendment to be offered by Senator Martin of Virginia, democrat, as soon as the pending Cummins amendment to the Railroad Bill is out of the way. The Cummins amendment is the one that provides that no increase in rates made by the railroads shall take effect until it has been approved by the interstate commerce commission as being a reasonable rate.

Cummins and Borah had maneuvered until Aldrich and his followers were in position where they could avoid a vote on the amendment by offering a compromise directly, but somebody found a way out. Senator Martin, a southern democrat, submitted an amendment which he proposes to offer as soon as the Cummins amendment is out of the way. It provides that increased rates shall be held in abeyance for six months, to give the commission time to pass on them. Martin declared that if the rates are held up six months and the commission still has not had time to investigate them, the former or lower rate will prevail until the commission has had time. Clark of Arkansas, also a democrat, says the higher or new rate will become effective. Borah says the proposition is unconstitutional on its face.

All three are recognized as able lawyers. Of course, Aldrich would not admit, and neither would Martin, that there was a connection between Martin, a democrat, offering the amendment and Aldrich and his entire following discovering before they had time to read it that the amendment is just what the country has been waiting for, just what the shipper needs to make his condition the most happy one in the world and at the time the one way in which the shipper can be cared for without driving the railroads into bankruptcy. Clearly the developments of the day indicate that the Aldrich following has gone into the democratic camp for relief from the oppression of the insurgents. Had no amendment of this sort been proposed the democrats, with a very few possible exceptions, would have voted with the insurgents for the Cummins amendment.

These democrats who prefer the Martin amendment will now vote against the Cummins amendment and be ready to support the Martin amendment when it can become the pending question. A number of shrewd reactionaries have been herded back into the Aldrich camp today on the promise that the organization will vote for the Martin amendment and adopt it in lieu of the Cummins proposition. That means that the Cummins amendment is likely to be defeated and the substitute will take its place, for the insurgents cannot well vote against a partial remedy on behalf of the shipper, when they know that they cannot get a real remedy. On that theory the Republicans tonight are that the organization and a few democrats will vote to give the shipper what appears on its face to be half a loaf, though the insurgents say the real fact is that instead of bread they are offered a stone.

In the debate today Borah was speaking of the president's speech at Des Moines when he said he was in favor of the commission passing on new rates before they could become effective, when Aldrich said the president held different views. Borah said: "I prefer to speak of the public utterances of the president made to the people rather than any private utterances made to agents who ply between the White House and the Capitol." Senator Duffie took occasion to

show the western high tariff senators who had gained by the recent Tariff Law. Duffie said the lemon growers of California came to congress with a plea that they could not compete with the lemon growers of Sicily unless the tariff was increased. Congress did increase the tariff and as soon as the new tariff law went into effect the transcontinental railroads raised the freight rates so that the increased price the California growers were able to charge the people for the lemons was absorbed almost to a fraction of a cent a case by the railroads. The lemon growers have been busy ever since trying to obtain a ruling by the commission that the new rate is too high, but thus far they have failed.

The price of lemons to the consumer is higher, but the lemon farmer gets no increase in the price he receives because the railroad gets the difference. If the law required the rate to be approved by the commission before it could become effective the grower or the consumer would be better off now.

A CLEW TO LEON LING?

Elsie Sigel's Slayer Said to Have Been in Kansas.

Wellington, Kan., May 25.—Leon Ling, alias William H. Ling, the Americanized Chinese who is accused of having murdered Elsie Sigel, was in Wellington until two months ago.

There are four men here who are positive of that fact. All are foremen in the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe shops here. They say that Ling worked under them.

Ling, so the foremen say, was an engine wiper in the shops and worked here several weeks. The discovery of the Chinese identity, if it really is a discovery, was made by "Al" Ragan, one of the foremen. Ragan was on a jury panel and while in the sheriff's office happened to pick up a photograph of Ling which was sent out by the New York police.

Struck immediately with the resemblance between the picture and a Chinese who worked in the shops, Ragan called the picture to be shown to J. T. Chilton, W. D. Russell and J. E. Turner, also foremen in the shops. All declared at once that the picture was that of the engine wiper.

The New York police were communicated with and a fuller description of the suspected slayer was sent here. All the foremen say that the description confirmed their belief that the man who worked under them was Ling.

The Chinese quit work here about two months ago and said he was going to Chicago.

The body of Elsie Sigel, a missionary worker and granddaughter of General Sigel, was found in Leon Ling's room in New York last June. She had been strangled and placed in a trunk.

TOWN OF WISTER HAS TWO FIRES

BUSINESS DISTRICT DESTROYED—TOWN ALMOST WIPED OFF THE MAP.

Poteau, Okla., May 25.—Practically the entire business section of Wister, a town of 1,000 population, a few miles west of here, was wiped out by two fires today. The first, taking place this morning, destroyed ten business houses, including three hotels on the east side. This afternoon several buildings on the west side were destroyed, including a drug store and the telephone exchange. It is reported this evening that the fire is not under control.

A man whose name is not known was buried to death in the Brown Hotel. He is said to have set fire to the building.

Estimated Loss \$20,000.

Poteau, Okla., May 25.—Fire originated in the Brown Hotel at Wister this morning and burned the entire row of frame buildings to the bank. Estimated loss \$20,000. Seven families are homeless.

There might be an improvement in ready-made clothing if the manufacturer would only sew on the buttons as tight as he does the tags.

Perhaps you have noticed how some men hurry to get nowhere in order to do something they have no excuse for doing.

JEWISH EXODUS BEGINS AT KIEV

THREE HUNDRED FAMILIES OF THE POOREST JEWS FORCED TO LEAVE RUSSIAN CITY.

St. Petersburg, May 26.—The exodus of Jewish families from Kiev has begun. The total departures from that city up to last night was three hundred prescribed families, belonging exclusively to the poorest classes. The expulsion was there fore attended with harrowing sights.

ANDERSON'S LIFE SENTENCE AFFIRMED

LUTHER ANDERSON, WHO KILLED AUGUST WAGNER FOR HIS MONEY, MUST SERVE TERM.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 26.—The supreme court today affirmed the life sentence of Luther Anderson, who killed August Wagner of Audrain county for his money.

OTHER CHARGES AGAINST MRS. DOXEY

SISTER OF MAN SHE IS ALLEGED TO HAVE POISONED WILL PUSH OTHER CHARGES.

St. Louis, Mo., May 26.—The trial of Mrs. Dora H. Doxey was resumed in Judge Grimes' court here this morning.

Miss Kate O. Dost, sister of the man she is alleged to have poisoned, today announced her intention of pushing the two other charges of perjury and bigamy, in the event Mrs. Doxey is acquitted of the charge of murder.

KANSAS ATTORNEY FOR NATIONAL DEMOCRACY

IN SPEECH BEFORE ATTORNEY GENERAL AT ST. PAUL HE URGES "NATIONAL DEMOCRACY."

St. Paul, Minn., May 26.—Attorney General Jackson of Kansas, president of the association of Attorney Generals, in an address before the meeting of the organization today argued in favor of a "National Democracy," which he defined as a "Revivified Democratic Government."

NEW YORK AGAINST ORAL BOOKMAKING

ASSEMBLY PASSED AGNEW BILL BY VOTE OF NINETY-TWO TO FORTY-FIVE.

Albany, N. Y., May 26.—The assembly today passed the Agnew anti-oral bookmaking bill by a vote of 92 to 54, after several attempts to amend it had been defeated.

At the Actors' Fair.

Mrs. George Gould spent \$1000 at the Actors' Fair Wednesday. One of her purchases were a cup and saucer belonging to Phildelox, first governor of North Carolina. Whether it was the vehicle employed to pass the stimulating libation of friendship between the governors of the two Carolinas, about which tradition records so much, was not announced. Miss Vivian Gould, second oldest daughter of the George Goulds, sold flowers at the fair during the week and helped a bunch of pretty chorus girls pelt President Taft with them on his visit to the fair Monday afternoon.

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BUFFALO SCULPTOR WEDS MISS HARRIMAN

DAUGHTER OF LATE RAILROAD MAGNATE WEDDED IN SIMPLE STYLE TO CHARLES RUMSEY.

New York, N. Y., May 26.—In the little Episcopal church at Arden, N. Y., Miss Mary Harriman, daughter of the late railroad builder, Edward H. Harriman, was married today to Charles Cary Rumsey of Buffalo, a sculptor.

Simplicity in the extreme marked the ceremony, because of the recent death of the bride's father, who lies buried in the graveyard beside the church.

Small Blaze.

An alarm of fire called the department this morning to the vicinity of I street northwest it was found a fire had started in a shack occupied by a negro family through the overturning of a stove. The services of the department were not required as the blaze was disposed of before they arrived.

And if some people didn't think they knew quite so much they would probably know a lot more.

TO SETTLE DISPUTE OVER STATE LINE

DISPUTE OVER BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN KANSAS AND MISSOURI TO BE SETTLED.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—The long continued dispute between Missouri and Kansas over the boundary line between the two states will be settled by the states in accordance with a joint resolution by the senate today. The resolution has already passed the house and lacks only the signature of the president to make it a law. The resolution gives full authority to the states.

Say you saw it in the Ardmoreite.

George Ordway of Dallas, Texas, who for the past few days has been visiting his aunt, Mrs. A. L. Cruce, of Hargrove Heights, went to Amarillo, Texas, yesterday.

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